



By the Queene.

*A Proclamation against certaine seditious and scismatical
Bookes and Libelles, &c.*



The Queenes most excellent Maiestie being giuen to vnderstande that there are sent frō the partes beyond the seas, sundry seditious, scismatical, and erronious printed Bookes and libelles, tending to the deprauing of the Ecclesiastical government established within this Realme, set forth by Robert Browne and Richard Harrison, fled out of the Realme as seditious persons, fearing due punishment for their sundry offences, and remaining presently in Zealand: which severall bookes, doe manifestly conteine in them very false, seditious, and scismatical doctrine and matter, and haue notwithstanding bene secretly solde, published, and dispersed in sundry places within this Realme to the end to breede some scisme among her Maiesties subiectes, being persons unlearned, and vnable to discerne the errors therein contained: Her highnesse therefore perciuing the wickednesse of these euil sp̄its, and the malicious disposition of lewde and euill disposed persons to be readie to violate and breake the peace of the Church, the Realme, and the quietnesse of her people, and knowing it also to be most requisite and conuenient for her highnesse to vse those meanes which God hath appoyn- ted for preventing thereof, doeth will, and also straightly charge and commaunde that all maner of persons what so euer, who haue any of the sayde Bookes or any of like nature in his or their Custodie, that they and every of them doe soorthwith vpon the publishing hereof, bring in and deliuer vp the same vnto the Ordinarie of the Diocesse, or of the place where they inhabite, to the intent they may bee burned, or utterly defaced by the sayde Ordinary. And that from henceforth no person or persons whatsoeuer, be so hardy as to put in print or writing, sell, set soorth, retaine, give out or distribute any more of the same or such like sedicious bookes or libels, as they tend her Maiesties good fauour, and wil answeare for the contrary at their bittermost perils, and vpon such further paynes as the Lawe shall inflict vpon the offendours in that behalfe, as persons maintayning such seditious actions, which her Maiestie myndeth to haue severely executed. Giuen at her Maiesties Manoir of Greenwich the last day of June, in the fiftie and twentith yeere of her highnesse Reigne.

God sauē the Queene.

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Maiestie.*